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REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-13 and 23-45 were withdrawn from consideration. By virtue of this response, claims 1-13 and 23-45 have been cancelled and claim 14 has been amended. Accordingly, claims 14-22 and 46-48 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 14-19, 22, and 46-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have amended claim 14 to now recite a method of controlling a combustion system including "measuring a load on a turbine downstream of the catalyst; calculating full load on the turbine downstream of the catalyst." The amendment is supported throughout the present application and no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 14-19, 22, and 46-28 are clear and definite and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and suggested amendments. As shown and discussed above, claim 14 has been amended to recite "a load on a turbine downstream of the catalyst," and is believed to have overcome the rejection in the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all pending claims 14-22 and 46-48 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.**220772009600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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